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### SPECIAL NOTICE

The next Alumnae meeting will be held January 21st at 2 o'clock.  
There will be no other notices of this meeting sent out.

### NOTICE

Dues are \$6.50 and payable now to the treasurer, Laura M. Whitcomb, R. N., 3117 Abbott Court, Chicago.

The annual meeting of the First District will be held Tuesday, February 11, 1919, at the Chicago Nurses' Club, 2700 Prairie Avenue, Chicago. There will be business and election of officers.

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### RED CROSS

The Red Cross has established an Information Bureau in New York City, where all nurses returning from overseas will be interviewed regarding their future plans. Any nurse wishing to take up public health work, who has not had any experience or preparation for same, will be directed to a school where such a course will be given. Also if she is not able to finance the course she will be furnished information regarding scholarships available.

A "Rest House" in New Jersey, under the auspices of the Red Cross, to be used by the nurses returning from overseas. The nurses will be allowed to remain in this house as long as they find it necessary. A fund has been secured to purchase dainties and flowers for the nurses so that each nurse entering this Rest House may find a basket of fruit and a bouquet of flowers on her table. Details of this home will be found in the last issue of the American Journal of Nursing.

A loan fund is to be established by the Red Cross for temporary use for the nurses returning from military service.

Since the signing of the armistice the Red Cross will return to its original requirements, i. e., a nurse to be eligible for enrollment must be registered in some state where state registration is required. A physical examination must accompany the application and must be renewed each year. The age will be from 21 to 45 with exception when desirable. There will be no more chevrons granted. The Red Cross, however, is anxious to continue enrollments of all nurses who are eligible who may be called to serve during any emergency that may arise, such as epidemics, etc.

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### MRS. HERCHMER'S RECEPTION

December twenty-first Mrs. Herchmer was delightfully surprised on the evening of her twenty-fifth anniversary of service in St. Luke's Hospital, by an informal reception given in her honor.

Addressing the guest of honor Father Wright spoke somewhat as follows:

"To me is assigned this evening a most delightful task. On the ground of long service the privilege might properly have been granted to the leading literary light of St. Luke's, the man whose presence is most in demand among the personages associated with this institution, the man who for thirty-six years has kept us in the closest touch with the leading events of the world, our friend, 4-"Mr. Ike," who is expected to be present with us this evening. Or



the pleasure might fairly have been given to our genial, accommodating engineer, Mr. Ed. Searles, who for nearly thirty-five years has kept our home fires burning, and other things in good order. Or again to our welcome guest, dear old "Flossie," who lends color to so many of our functions, enlivening them with her cheery greetings and cordial mannerisms, incidentally out of loyal respect for Mr. Hoover's instructions, seeing to it that no good ice cream goes to waste. Either one of these would have offered a sincere and worthy tribute. 5

Perhaps I, one of the younger members of the fraternity, was chosen because for many years I have been floating about the institution absorbing like a sponge a variety of impressions, ideas and facts, some of which, relating to our guest of honor, I might give out under a little pressure.

Twenty-five years take me back, Mrs. Herchmer, to the time when I was in charge of the Cathedral of the diocese. Often had we occasion to bring our sick poor to St. Luke's in those days.

When we did, we found behind the counter a little lady alert, affable, sympathetic, cordial, considerate, and efficient. She knew everything about the place. We knew that she would do all she could for our patients. And when we sought information we knew that she could give us something definite and reliable.

And what a comfort it was to the attending physicians or friends of the patient to know that information given out was absolutely reliable. This point recalls to my mind an incident in the life of "Old George the Faithful," for so many years assistant in the office in capacity of night clerk. I was within hearing distance, when inquiry about a patient came from some home. Old George rang up the Fairbank Ward and asked the condition of the patient. Evidently the answer came, "Just about the same." "Just about the same," roared Old George, "Just about the same, Vat is 'Just about the same,' Dat don't mean anything. Vat is just about the same?" 6

When an increasing defect in your hearing necessitated your retirement from behind the counter, our hearts sank within us, for we realized that it would be impossible to fill your place there. But when you were appointed to the position which you have held these later years, we were delighted, for it kept you with us, and nature must have supplied some compensation for your loss of hearing. Of this we have unquestionable proof in a recent remark of a prominent grocer of the South Side Judea, to the effect that in his judgment you were the shrewdest buyer in South Water Street. We ask no stronger proof.

As remarkable ability you have shown in the management of your help and the development at St. Luke's of a cuisine unexcelled, perhaps in any like institution of Chicago. I am mindful too of your exceptional tact in the control of the "herd of colts," which it has been my privilege to help keep in the traces in our dining room. One particular instance to the point comes up in my memory now. It was your dignified, tolerant attitude towards the "Lamb Club," which some of the youngsters had organized out of deference to the mortal 7

remains of the wooly quadruped that appeared with noticeable frequency on our table, due no doubt to the condition of the live stock market. The password was "Ba-a-a-a, Ba-a-a-." Now the Chaplain and other honored guests were compelled to give it before being admitted to their feasts. Well do I recall the scene when the aged father of Dr. Fiske was initiated to membership in the club. The gusto and skill with which he gave the pass word indicated that he might have been at some time a past master in some other chapter of the organization.

During these twenty-five years, Mrs. Herchmer, you have contributed much to St. Luke's. You have given yourself and your abilities unselfishly, without stint. But these years at St. Luke's have contributed much to you as well. When a village develops into a great city like Chicago it loses many of its charms, the delights of pure, fresh air, verdure of trees and lawns, breezes laden with the fragrance of flowers, the singing of birds, neighborhood goodfellowship, and the like. When a small mission develops into a large church it too loses many charms, the charm of constant individual sacrifice and effort of intimate social relationships, of being part of one large family, as it were. So St. Luke's, developing from a small, free, struggling hospital into a large, scientifically managed institution, has lost many of its charms, some of which you and I have been privileged to enjoy.

In the earlier days money did not come easily. The friends of St. Luke's made great personal sacrifices. They gave of their substance. They gave themselves. St. Luke's contributed to you the rare privilege of being intimately associated with many of the very best, the most philanthropic people of the city who were interested in the establishment and development of this noble enterprise. These gave of their substance, their time, their energy. They gave themselves with no thought of remuneration or glory, but for love;—love of God;—love of the Church;—love of their fellowmen. A rare privilege was it to be associated in such a work with people like dear Dr. and Mrs. Locke, the DeKovens, the Fairbanks, the Keeps, the Rversons, the Breggs, the Hibbards, the Carters, and your devoted friend, Miss Johnstone.

Time forbids the mention of many others whose names are familiar to me. Even within my day we have been like a little hamlet in the midst of this great city, like one large family with all its charms of intimate personal relationships, a charm which vanishes as the personal element gives way to corporate growth.

Dr. Locke, the founder of St. Luke's was a man unique in the annals of this city. I have not known his like. It is the concensus of opinion among his brethren of the Clergy that there can never be among them another Dr. Locke. He was not possessed of the scientific knowledge of men in these days of advanced medical research, surgical skill, and hospital development. But he had a big heart, a lofty purpose, high spiritual ideals. It was a great privilege to be associated in the work with such as he.

How well I recall his last days with us. He was a patient in



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St. John's ward, ailing, but not bedridden. He read much, but he craved some mental diversion. His pleasantest pastime was a game of cribbage with you, Mrs. Herchmer. Impatiently he would await your coming each evening. Eagerly you two entered upon the contest. He had lost the power of speech; you could not hear. My part was that of an onlooker, and I often wondered what mysterious means of communication you two possessed that the game should go on so smoothly. Occasionally he would snatch up his pencil and paper and write a note to me. You remember his chirography. With many forebodings I would accept those notes and almost sweat blood in my desperate efforts to decipher those illegible lines, that I might make the ready reply which he awaited with restless expectation.

Do you recall the final parting? He was in a wheel chair about to take his departure to the far southern city where he was to end his days. The attendant was just starting him off when he looked up and catching sight of you coming around a corner in the hallway, waved his farewell and called out as best he could, "15-2, 15-4." Dear Dr. Locke.

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These have been eventful years for you, years of scrupulous devotion to duty, years of personal consecration to interests of St. Luke's. They have been years of rare privilege, years of delightful relationships. Many of the old friends have passed on. But many are the friends you now have. You have retained all through these years the bloom that is the charm of femininity which so many of your sex lose after getting into secular life. To the friends of the present you are the same true "Lady Jane," as you were to those of the past. And some of us have felt that we would like to give ourselves the pleasure of doing honor to you at this time. By one of those friends I am charged with the pleasure of presenting to you this beautiful handbag, that you may be properly equipped when making your brave forages into South Water Street. To me it is very suggestive that nature in depriving one of the ability to hear ordinary tones, yet spares and at times increases the ability to hear and enjoy musical tones. During these twenty-five years you have catered not only to us your friends here present, but to many who are scattered throughout the world. Feeling that we alone could not do justice to the occasion, we have chosen a slight token of our love and esteem an instrument which will afford you the greatest pleasure possible and which enables us to summon many of the celebrities of the world, such as Galli Curci, John McCormack, Harry Lauder, many of the most renowned groups of musicians, such as the Boston Symphony and Trinity Church Choir, to join with us in doing you homage.

I take great pleasure in presenting to you this victrola and these records in the name of a few of your admiring friends. Would that we might include among these records one that would reproduce the voices of the many friends of the past twenty-five years, which are now silent. But we are obliged to leave that to the resources of your memory.

It is our sincere hope that you may bespared many years to enjoy the melodies and harmonies reproduced by this wonderful instrument.

that as the physical sense of hearing wanes, the spiritual sense may develop so that at length these delightful tones may reach a climax in the heavenly music of the eternal world."

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### TRAINING SCHOOL ITEMS

We deeply regret that as the recent epidemic swept over the country that one of our members was stricken with the disease and died after a very brief illness. Miss Evelyn Porter of the Class of 1920 died of influenza in the hospital on the 11th of November, 1918. Special and impressive services were conducted in the Chapel by Father Wright.

Miss Selma Freedlund died after a long illness in St. Mary's on December 14, 1918. Miss Freedlund was a member of the Class of 1919. Both of these pupil nurses are greatly missed from the ranks of the student body.

Miss Marion Humphrey, Class 1920 "A," has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Training School Committee, made by the graduation of Miss Florence Drake.

On December 23d, Bishop Anderson conducted a Confirmation Service in the Chapel. The Bishop's address was a characteristically worth while one, based on Dr. Cabot's book, "What Men Live By," the essentials being "Work, Play, Love and Worship," setting forth the value of each in the life of the nurse.

In the absence of the Choir boys this year, forty-five of the nurses, led by Father Wright, sang the Christmas carols. Miss Spry added to the beautiful music by a violin accompaniment.

Three members of the Senior Class have been selected to take the course for Public Health Nurses that is to be given at the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. This is a most unusual opportunity for Senior students who are preparing themselves for Public Health Work, as the entire expense will be borne by the Red Cross and the lectures and classes will be conducted by experts in this field.

The Red Cross is offering this course to twenty-five nurses in the First District, chosen from representative Training Schools. The nurses, who are all Seniors and within a few weeks of finishing their Training School course, will be permitted to leave their schools on February 3d, and to live at the Nurses' Club on Prairie Avenue during the entire three months' time.

The details of the course have not been completely worked out, but it is definitely known that besides the theoretical work given at the School of Civics and Philanthropy, there will be field work and opportunities to become acquainted with the various organizations that are doing Public Health Work in the city.

The whole plan is an experiment and it is hoped that it will prove worth while, for it is very important to make it possible for nurses who are interested in Public Health work to especially prepare themselves in the same manner as do nurses in other branches of the profession.

M. WYNE, 1919 "A."



It is with deepest sorrow that we note a number of deaths among our nurses.

Miss Fannie Erickson of the Class of 1914, being the first gold star nurse on the honor roll, died in the service of her choice at Camp Sherman on October 7th.

On October 29th Miss Ethel Knapp, Class 1913, died of influenza after giving her services in the Contagious Hospital at the Cook County. Burial at Sheridan, Ill.

On November 7th Helen Livingston of the Class of 1918 passed away at her home in Brantford, Ontario, Canada, where she had been caring for Miss Sweet's brother who died.

Miss Emma Lamont of the Class of 1915 died at her home in Saugatuck, Mich., on November 22d, shortly after the death of her mother.

News of the deaths of Mrs. Grey, nee Hamon, Class of 1889, and Mrs. Ryan, nee Gates, Class of 1906, came in November and December.

Miss Alice Lea of the Class of 1918 died at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station Hospital following an operation for appendicitis. A very impressive military funeral was held at the Great Lakes Station on December 23d.

The following letters of appreciation have been received by Miss Lawrie:

"My Dear Miss Lawrie: Will you kindly convey my sincere appreciation to the members of the Alumnae for the beautiful flowers and sympathy they sent me at the close of my dear mother's long and useful life. She is where she longed to be, at rest. Sincerely yours,  
LILLIAN REIN."

"My Dear Miss Lawrie: We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy to us and love for dear Ethel, and know she has a star of gold in her crown and a uniform now in the city where all is love and peace. We wish to thank the St. Luke's Alumnae for the beautiful floral offering. Yours sincerely,

"MR. AND MRS. KNAPP and HOWARD."

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### PERSONAL ITEMS

The following nurses have returned from active service and are among the ranks of civilian nurses once more: Miss Ruth Guilfoil from Camp Dodge; Miss Vera Ludlow from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station; Misses N. and E. Donaldson from Camp Upton; Miss McClintock from Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Letters from overseas contain news to the effect that Unit No. 14 are being reoutfitted. Rumors have it that these are "home coming clothes."

Notes of thanks and appreciation have been received from Mrs. Vandervoort and Miss Spohr for the Christmas money sent by the Active Service Committee from nurses who were helping hold the home lines.

Miss B. McKnight was in the city for a few days.

Miss Florence Drake has assumed the position of Supervisor of the Surgical Supply Room, the vacancy having been made by the resignation of Mrs. Swartz.

Mrs. Gallagher, nee Bailey, had her little daughter in the hospital as a patient last week, having had a tonsillectomy.

Miss Lawrie is a patient in B No. 16, an influenza suspect, the diagnosis not having been definitely made.

Miss Cass, who has been a patient in St. Mary's for a number of weeks, remains in the same rather serious condition. Dr. MacArthur will probably perform another operation upon the brain in the near future.

Miss Alice M. Gaggs, Norton Memorial Infirmary, Louisville, Ky., would like a St. Luke's nurse to fill an instructor's position. Miss Rinehardt, Miss Schrieber and Miss Hanna are with Miss Gaggs.

Miss Alison Robertson, '08, has gone to Santa Barbara to take charge of Dr. Nathaniel Potter's Diabetic Department of Cottage Hospital.

Mrs. Max Westerman, '00, was in Chicago for the Red Cross Conference of this division.

Miss Belle Beachley went to France with a Nebraska unit. She has been quite ill and lost one finger from an infection.

Miss Nutting, R. N., National League Nursing Education; Miss Ella Crandall, National Public Health Organization, and Miss Eldridge, American Nurses' Association, attended a special meeting in Chicago, called by the National Council of Defense, to discuss the advisability of changes in nursing bills to come up before legislatures this year.

Miss Edna Mason is teaching Red Cross classes in Waukesha and the surrounding towns.

Miss Marie Gaughran has been on duty at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., since October 1, 1918.

Miss Eleanor Rosenberry, '15, has been appointed chief nurse of the Training School at Fort Oglethorpe.

Lieut.-Col. Harry D. Orr sent such a nice Christmas greeting to the "Alumnae," also another card, reading: "Dear Editor: Well and in the big push."

Katherine Gruber has been transferred from Camp Grant to the new Reconstruction Hospital, the "Cooper Monotah," at 47th Street and Drexel Blvd., Chicago. The hospital will accommodate 660 patients when finished. The nurses are living in the A. O. Slaughter House, 46th and Drexel.

Miss Eldridge spoke in Judson Church, Washington Square, at many of the Saturday evening meetings of the nurses, who were waiting in New York to be sent overseas.

Miss Eva A. Mack has gone to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to join the Order of the Sisters of St. Mary.

Married at Evansville, Ind., November 9th: Miss Bertha Walden, Class of '13, and Mr. Hiram W. Clayton. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton are living at Shawneetown, Ill.



Mrs. Pearl Evans Jones, '13, is Secretary of the Hospital Board of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The Interstate Secretary stayed with Miss Mothershead and Miss Barclay at Ottumwa, Iowa, and says they are both well and enjoying their work there.

The President adjourned the December meeting as there were only seven members present; not enough to represent the Alumnae in making nominations and discussing the new By-Laws. This means the annual meeting will have to be adjourned until February.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee is finding it very difficult to make up the ticket and it is hoped every one will come to the January meeting prepared to make nominations from the floor. Also please bring your 1917 By-Laws to compare the changes contemplated in new By-Laws.

The Nominating Committee sent out 270 cards for nominations, only 36 were returned. This is certainly an extravagant and wasteful method of nominating officers and a change would seem desirable.

Your President has received a written statement from the Secretary of State in Springfield to the effect that the only charter on file for St. Luke's Alumnae Association is dated 1898 and calls for a Board of eleven Directors. Evidently through an oversight, the Charter was never changed to provide for thirty Directors, though the work of the Association has been carried on, believing this had been done.

The dues now payable are \$6.50 as we voted to go into the District Association in a body and so automatically become members of the State and National Association. As we have resigned from the A. N. A. as requested, our only representation will come through the State Association, the only body which can send delegates to the National Association in the future.

The following interesting account of Miss Patterson's journey into Germany came in a letter to Mrs. Henry Walker and in the main is as follows:

"December 8, 1918.

It is seventeen weeks ago since we landed in Liverpool and they have been such eventful weeks it seems as if we surely have been over longer. We were in Paris two weeks and had a wonderful time. After our Mobile Hospital was equipped we went up on the Champagne front. The Drive had just started and we moved very often, following up as the line moved forward. In one village, where we set up the Germans had only been out a few days. This was a most desolate spot and every village for miles around was in ruins and the country was a mass of shell holes and trenches. We spent three weeks at this place and had a lot of dreadfully wounded boys. Our wards were in large Bessenian tents, a French tent with windows, and are wonderfully comfortable. If we could have had floors I would have preferred them to barracks, but the ground was damp and I developed chilblains.

When the French took over this sector we packed up and came over to the Toul front. We spent three days and three nights on a dirty French train to come a very short distance, and I much prefer

to travel in U. S. trucks. Our train finally reached its destination and we were to reload on to a narrow gauge and go up close to the front all ready for the Metz drive. Instead of this however, the Armistice was signed and we stopped and waited for further orders. There were a half dozen little villages around us and the bells pealed all day long and way into the night of that day; it was wonderful. Tents were pitched to house Mobile No. 7, but we did not set up the hospital, so for almost three weeks we were out of a job. We had two weeks of beautiful weather following the Armistice. We went to Nancy and Toul several times and also around over the front. The ambulance boys and truck drivers would take us in any time, so we saw all the places that were so fought for.

Just a week ago tonight orders came which very much disturbed the serenity of our lives. The nurses were to join Evacuation No. 12 and leave at day break for Germany. Never a word was said about our officers, and we do not know yet what became of them. Our trip to Germany was made in ambulances. We stopped in Metz for a little while, it was gayly decorated. From there we went to Luxemburg and then here. It made me furious at the Germans when I saw their country so pretty and prosperous, having such a vivid memory of the places we just left in France.

Our hospital consists of a group of buildings that were originally a military school, then served as a military hospital until we arrived. The buildings were dirty and damp, plumbing bad, etc., but we came in after dark and the next morning the ambulances began to pour in full of boys from the division, marching to the Rhine. Most of the men were exhausted from the long march, there were a number of Influenza and Pneumonia patients among them. I do so hate to see a patient die and be buried in Germany.

I have certainly been fortunate since coming over here, for with Mobile No. 7, we were as close to the front as we were allowed to go. I have worked in Field, Evacuation, Mobile, Red Cross, and Base Hospitals and now to come to Germany and be among the first to arrive, is what we had all wanted to do but were afraid to hope we'd be the lucky ones. This is a beautiful spot with hills in the background and must be wonderful in the springtime.

At present I see no prospect of an early return. The hour is late and a busy day is ahead of us. Hope Patterson, American E. F., Mobile No. 7, Germany."



## FROM THE HILL TOP

The white frost glistens in the sun,  
The wind blows sharp and cold.  
Below lies France, a country fair,  
With towns and cities old.

And like white ribbons o'er the hills,  
Wind on and on the roads,  
Where now, triumphant from the war,  
Come heavy army loads.

In long procession do they come,  
Muddy and old and worn,  
With many a soldier battle scarred,  
And some with shrapnel torn.

And there are those who do not come,  
We look for them in vain,  
Only the wooden crosses tell,  
On field and hill and plain.

All these are they who paid the price,  
And gave themselves that we  
Might never feel the scourge of hate,  
In our land of Liberty.

Countless flags are waving high,  
From every house they stream,  
The Stars and Stripes are everywhere,  
As the flags of France they seem!

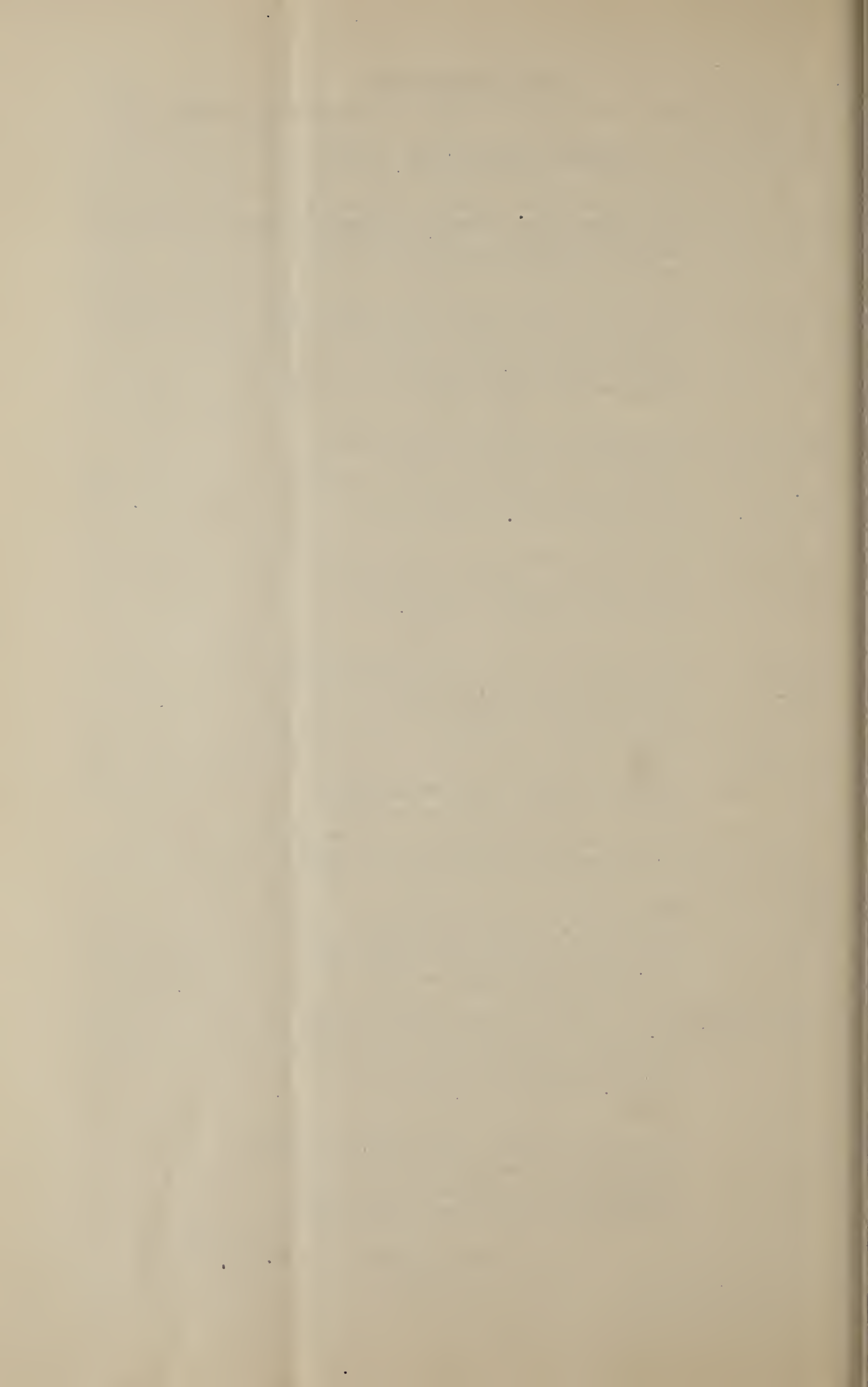
For France indeed is now our friend,  
She honors our heroes bold,  
And of the things our soldiers did,  
Her sons shall long be told.

Frost crystals melting in the sun,  
Blue sky and winding stream;  
The red roofed city lies below,  
With the beauty of a dream.

For this is Peace, and Christmas time!  
And we who now wait here,  
Send home our Christmas greeting,  
And good will for the coming year.

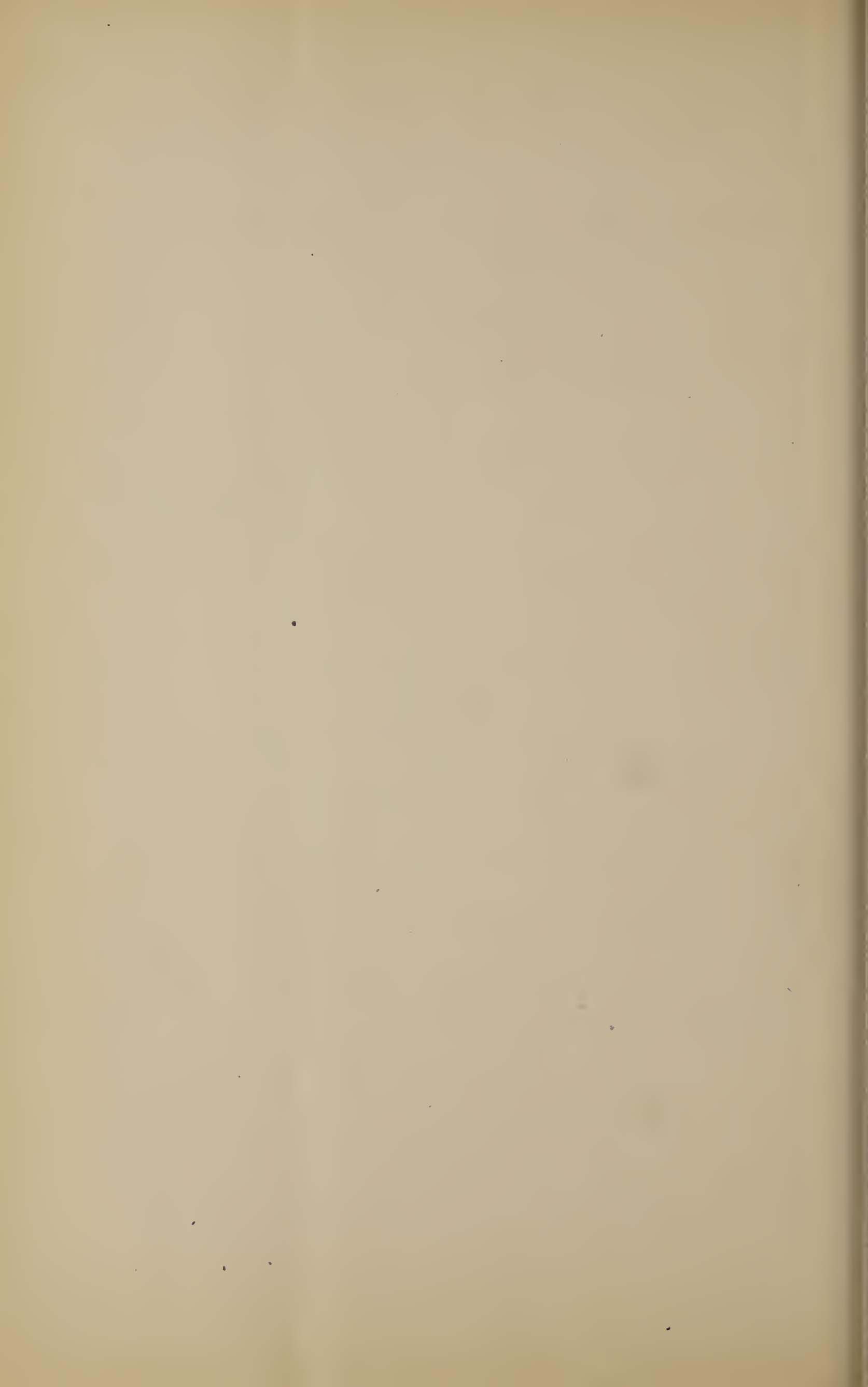
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There will be no further notice of this meeting sent out.

### ABOUT THE ALUMNAE DUES

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the payment of dues. Resident Active Members, \$5.00. This does not include the American Journal of Nursing, but does include membership in the A. N. A., through the First District of the Illinois State Association. Non-resident Members, \$2.00, for this year only. These members will join the A. N. A. through their local State Associations. Married Members, \$2.00.

LAURA WHITCOMB, Treasurer.

It has become necessary to issue a smaller number of The Alumnae, owing to the increase in the cost of putting out a larger Journal. Four pages may contain news of real and lively interest if the members will assist by contributing to the Personal Items, either about themselves, or others who may be engaged in some new field of work.

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### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Read at the Annual Meeting, Feb. 18th, 1919

"The unprecedented demand on nurses for Military and Red Cross service has been a heavy drain on the Alumnaes and other nursing organizations and St. Luke's Alumnae has been no exception. One hundred and twelve of our graduates, mostly Alumnae members, have gone into service. Besides our Secretary, elected at the last annual meeting, about half of the Board of Directors resigned last Spring after enrolling and signing for service.

We have only been able to hold the Alumnae together and hope for the future when our members return from camps and over-seas.

Sometimes I think the hardest part has been to "carry on" at home, with none of the excitement or satisfaction of having cared for our soldiers and sailors in camp and hospital, shared their hardships and helped mitigate their sufferings.

A difficult piece of work has been the re-organization of the Alumnae to conform with the District, State and National organizations and today we vote on the revised By-laws.

We have discovered that the Charter, granted in 1898, calls for a board of eleven members, five officers and six directors, instead of thirty directors, as was previously supposed.

We have had four interesting numbers of the Alumnae Bulletin. A page devoted to Training School interests has brought us in touch with the students and has made a bond of interest with the Alumnae.

The Active Service Committee found it difficult to do much for our members in service because of difficulty of communication, but sent and received several letters and also sent checks for Christmas celebration to Unit No. 14 and 53.

(Members lost by death mentioned elsewhere.)

May I suggest later a memorial service for our nurses who have died during the past year.

Your President would like to make several recommendations for the coming year:

1st. A budget to be outlined by Board of Directors as our income will be greatly reduced, the Alumnae only retaining \$2.00 of the \$5.00 annual fee.



2nd. To have numbers of Alumnae Bulletin issued every second month.

3rd. A definite plan for sick benefit, a committee appointed to interview Mr. Curtis as to what accommodations the Hospital will guarantee the Alumnae for their sick members.

4th. Every other meeting should be held in the evening for the benefit of members doing Public Health, who find it impossible to attend in the afternoon.

5th. Chairman of Training School Committee to give at least two addresses a year to the Senior student nurses.

6th. A banquet for entertaining the graduating class, to which all graduates of St. Luke's might be invited, each guest, except members of graduating class, to pay for her own plate.

7th. To have the revised By-laws printed and sent to every member, but to wait for a year book until all our nurses are released from military service.

Hoping that the Alumnae may grow and develop beyond all precedent in the next two years is the earnest wish of your President.

ANNE AMBRIDGE, R. N."

Brief summary of Annual Reports will be printed in the next issue.

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### PERSONAL ITEMS

The following bit of news from Lieut.-Col. Harry D. Orr: "Diekirch, Luxemburg, Feb. 5th. I take the liberty to notify you that I have been transferred from the 108th Sanitary Train, 33rd Division, to Division Surgeon 33rd Division."

Miss Gertrude Davis has returned from France, having had a most interesting experience as assistant to Miss Grace Gassette in Paris.

Miss Davis expects to return to France some time in May.

Miss Francis Hall, of Oak Park, has returned from her duties overseas, having accompanied an invalided nurse on her way home. Miss Hall left Unit No. 14 in December and they were all well and happy. News of their return is still very uncertain.

It is good to see the faces of some of our returned attending men, again in the Hospital corridors: Drs. Case, Plummer, Preble, Curtis, and Halstead. Drs. Pierce and Capps are expected in the near future.

Miss Gwenyd Webster has gone to Terre Haute, Indiana to do Public Health work.

Miss Lillian Rein is a patient in C No. 20, having had a tonsillectomy.

Miss Kathrine Seymour is a patient in St. Mary's, having had an appendectomy and a drainage of the gall-bladder. Miss Seymour is getting along very nicely.

Miss Daisy Shambo, '18, is ill in the Aurora Hospital, having had a cholecystectomy.

Miss Hipwell is doing private duty in Highland Park, temporarily.

Miss Adelaide Sharpe has taken a room at the Plaza Hotel and is under medical care.

Miss Eva Mack reports from time to time that she is very happy in her new work.

Mrs. Wyatt, '18, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where she expects to do Institutional work.

Several of the recent graduates have gone to Rockford, Ill., to take charge of the Swedish American Hospital, among them being Miss Edna Lowe, Miss R. Haney, Miss E. Robinson, Miss A. Evans, Miss R. Fair, and Miss N. Clayton.

Miss Florence Nichols, '19, has accepted a position as Night Supervisor in the Madison General Hospital, Madison, Wis.

The Misses Ulmer and C. White are at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C.

Ten of Unit No. 14 are now at Treves, Germany.

Miss McClintock is doing County Tuberculosis Work in Wheeling.

Miss Horn has returned from duties overseas to keep house for her brother.

Miss Craig is home, having left Unit No. 14, after an attack of influenza.

A letter from Miss Hope Patterson states that Miss Caroline Wallace has been sent to the quarters for sick nurses, Miss Wallace having had the diagnosis of being a diphtheria carrier. Miss Morris is on night duty and in the mean time is having a good time riding horse-back. The Misses Hanchett, Evans, and Patterson had just been down to the Village for tea. These nurses are with Mobile Unit No. 7, and are situated near Treves, Germany. This news came from Miss Patterson, February 17th, to Miss Fladd, who was very kind in contributing the information to The Alumnae.

Mrs. Frances J. Cavette is in Biloxi, Mississippi with a patient for the winter.

Miss Ada Jane Taylor is at Green Hall, University of Chicago.

Miss Elizabeth Franks is still at Henry Street Settlement, New York.

Miss Grace Garabrandt is in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Miss Jessie Ball is in Highland Park, Elm Row, West Virginia, with a patient and writes that she is having a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Vera Harsh Mason, '13, of Lyon, New Mexico, has lost her husband, Lieut. L. D. Mason, of the 468 Engineers. Lieut. Mason died of pneumonia at Brest.

Mrs. C. P. Clark, '04, of Summit, New Jersey, writes of the death of her mother, Mrs. Burnett. Our sympathy goes out to these, our sister nurses, in this time of sorrow.

Mrs. L. L. Gregory left for New York February 12th.

Miss Minnie Thomas is in Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Miss Mackelcan, '10, is in the Embarkation Hospital, West Virginia.

Miss Mary Forbes, '93, having improved sufficiently, is enjoying her War Relief Work. Miss Forbes' address is 2 Michaels Place, Petersham Surrey, England.

Mrs. Inez Fasser writes from Montana that she has been very busy there caring for influenza patients.







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### SPECIAL NOTICES

The next regular meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held at the Hospital, Tuesday, May 20th, 2:30 o'clock.

No other notices of this meeting will be sent out.

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June 19th and 20th are the dates set for Graduation Activities. Thursday evening, June 19th, the services will be in Trinity Church at 8 o'clock.

Friday evening, June 20th, the Reception for the Class will be held in the Training School.

This notice is to take the form of a very cordial invitation extended to all Alumnae members. It is hoped that the Reception will be made one of reunion, with many of our returned Red Cross Nurses present.

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### Coming Out In June

The 1919 Class Year Book will be out in June, subscribe early and be sure of a copy, we know you will agree it will be well worth your while. Judging from appearances it is going to be one of "The Season's Most Popular Books." Price \$1.50.

L. SPRINGER, '19.

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### About the Dues

Alumnae dues must be paid to the Treasurer, Miss Laura Whitcomb, 3117 Abbott Court, not later than June 1st, 1919. If you are an Active Resident Member of the First District, send five dollars,



thereby becoming a member in good standing of your Alumnae Association, District, State and National organizations.

Non-resident members of the First District send two dollars, married members two dollars.

Extension of time being given on account of reorganization of the Constitution and By-Laws. No time will be given after June 1st, 1919.—Laura Whitcomb.

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### Items of General Interest From the Secretary's Notebook.

Miss Julia Dawson, who has gone to her home in Collingwood for an indefinite period, sent in her resignation as chairman of the Visiting Committee, which was accepted at the last meeting of the Board of Directors.

Miss Buckingham was appointed to succeed Miss Dawson.

The Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Senator Wheeler, stating the disapproval of Senate Bill 123, "which is unconstitutional and undemocratic," providing for two nurses only on the Committee of Nurse Examiners.

It would be desirable at this time for any nurse interested in Illinois laws regarding nursing education, to use her influence in every way possible to defeat this bill.

The following interesting Public Health news from Miss Fulmer:

St. Luke's nurses are well represented in the Cook County Rural Nursing Service.

Miss Fulmer is Supervisor of the Service.

Misses Hettie Gooch, Nelle McClintock and Francis Brown are on the field staff, this staff has grown from four to twenty-four nurses in one year.

In March the Will County Woman's Improvement League at Joliet had on its program on Public Health the following St. Luke's nurses: Louise Conant (Helen Parr), Misses Florence Baldwin, Jennie Flemming, May Kershaw, Mable McClenahan and Miss Fulmer. All of these nurses are engaged in Public Health activities, except Mrs. Conant, of which fact our Alumnae should be proud.

Marriage announcements of recent date are as follows:

Miss Marie Gaughran, '94, to Mr. Edward Waller in Chicago.

Miss Anita Jane Eddy, '14, to Lt. Sidney Hoffman, March 20th, in New York.

Miss Cornelia McConnell, '17, to Mr. Clarence Spears, March 29th, in Chicago.

Our very hearty congratulations and sincere good wishes go out to these our St. Luke's graduates.

The following from an article in the Chicago Tribune, April 18th:  
"Chicago Nurses of Base 14 Back From Overseas."

New York, April 17th. (Special)—The giant German vessel Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, the first of the German commercial liners to be surrendered to the Allies, docked here at 7:15 tonight with 2,319 overseas Yanks and Nurses on board. Among the nurses were thirty-one of Base 14, most of whom are from the Michael-Reese and St. Luke's hospitals.

The thirty-one nurses of Base 14 were in command of Miss Madeline McConnell.

The unit arrived in France last August with 100 nurses and five civilians. The remaining nurses are now on duty with the overseas forces.

Those of St. Luke's returning nurses are:

Miss McConnell	Miss K. Hutton	Miss B. West
Miss F. Beisel	Miss B. Lee	Miss A. Moser
Miss F. Blodgett	Miss M. Mahon	Miss Edna Murray
Miss C. Donsing	Miss H. McNab	Miss Rena Murray
Miss F. Dugan	Miss M. Mihills	Miss B. Vining
Miss A. Hewson	Miss A. Morier	

Miss Hortense Robinson mentioned as "having arrived as members of other units."

Among other nurses who have returned at various times are Misses Rudy, Weismiller, Davenport and Mrs. Hoffman nee Eddy. Mrs. Hoffman and Miss Davenport have been guests for tea in the Training School and interesting indeed were the bits of news from Unit No. 14.

April 30th.—The personnel of Unit No. 14 arrived in Chicago last evening, with them came Dr. Harold Jones and Dr. Fiske.

Miss Spohr in a recent letter sent a copy of the Citation accorded Unit No. 53 by the Mayor of Langres, and closes as follows: "All generations who have lived upon this promontory from which springs our Marne, glorious in a two-fold victory, all our ancestors unite with us in paying the homage of appreciation and admiration for the whole people of America.

"It is with joyful pride that we attach this coat of arms to your colors, place them as insignia upon the uniforms of your personnel. The souvenirs shall recall to-day's celebration, together with the sentiments of the admiration and affection which we shall always cherish towards our beloved and noble allies of America.

"Animated by these sentiments, in the name of the Municipal Council, my fellow citizens, I, mayor of Langres as remembrance of our deep gratitude hold it a great honor to authorize Lieutenant-Colonel Hart, Commanding Officer of Base Hospital No. 53, to wear and to confer upon the personnel of the Hospital, whom he shall judge worthy, the Arms of the City of Langres."

LONG LIVE THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE,

The Mayor of Langres,

VIENNOT.

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### Changes About the Hospital and Training School.

After many months of inconvenience, the Social Service Department, having outgrown its original quarters, have been given the St. John's rooms between the third and fourth floors of the main building. Here are to be found the offices and work shops of this department. The attractive and sunshiny interiors have been done by the decorating committee of the Social Service Department.

The Department of Occupational Therapy is constantly increas-



ing. Work is begun with patients in the hospital and is continued after discharge as Vocational Training.

As a result of the past few months' work in this division of the Social Service, a successful sale and exhibit was held in the Board Room at the time of the Linen Shower by Mrs. Harold Eldridge of the Woman's Board.

The Gymnasium on the third floor of the Stickney House has been enlarged, through the beneficence of Mrs. Henry Walker, who first made it possible to have such a room.

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### PERSONAL ITEMS

Mrs. Wachter, nee O. Johnson, '13, and Miss Tonge have been recent patients in the Hospital and are getting along nicely.

The President has received an interesting letter from Miss Houlding, '14, who is doing Public Health work in Brantford, Ontario.

Miss Eleanor Eastman has been visiting near the Hospital and her old St. Luke's friends have much enjoyed seeing her from time to time.

The Secretary reports many letters from nurses at a distance engaged in various phases of Nursing and Home life, the one connecting link seems to be the Journal, they are so eager for it, let us all help the Publication and Press Committee by sending them any items of general interest.—Adelaide Sharpe, Sec.

April 28th Miss Eldredge stopped in Chicago for a day on her return from North Dakota, it was indeed a very great privilege to see Miss Eldredge even for a short time.

Miss Dawson having resigned as Visiting Housekeeper, of the Social Service Department, is home with her father in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada. Miss Dawson's presence about the Hospital is missed very much.

Miss Ruth Guilfoil has taken Miss Dawson's place in the Social Service Department.

Miss Crompton's vacancy as Ophthalmic Supervisor has been filled by Miss M. Jones.

Miss Mildred Pringle is taking her vacation and is spending the month of May at her home in Harveyville, Kansas.

Miss Katherine Mussen has just returned from a five weeks trip to Atlantic City and New York.

Mrs. Earl Linger made a brief visit in the Hospital recently on her return from Florida, where she and her small son, Dean, have been spending the winter. Dr. Linger is still in service at Camp Custer and is doing much of the surgical work there.

Miss Daisy Shambo, '18, was in the city calling on some of her classmates and is quite recovered from her recent operation.

April 30—A card from Miss Spohr in Nancy and she states that she has been made Chief Nurse of Unit No. 210.

Miss Anne Manuell, who has been in Active Service in France, has returned and is in New York. Miss Manuell had a very severe attack of pneumonia while there but is entirely recovered.



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## In Memoriam

TO OUR THREE GOLD STAR NURSES

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MISS ELIZABETH ERICKSON, R. N., '14.

MISS EUNICE MILLAR, R. N., 15.

MISS ALICE LEA, R. N., '18.

The next meeting of the Alumnae Association will be held at the Hospital, on Saturday, June 21st, at 2:30 o'clock, and is to be the Annual Alumnae Reception and Tea given for the Graduating Class.

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No other notices of this meeting will be sent out.

The price of the Senior Class Year Book, "The Voyageur", will be \$2.00 instead of \$1.50 as was announced last month.

It was a pleasure to have had with us at the May meeting some of the members who had not been present for some time, among them being Miss Helen McNab, recently returned from France and Miss Eastman, who is visiting with Mrs. Henderson.

We are looking forward to the time when many of the absent ones will again be among those in regular attendance at these meetings.

Two letters of interest were received by the President of the Board of Trustees at the Hospital, commending very highly the services rendered the Nation by the personnel of Unit 14.

Space does not permit the quotation of the entire contents of these letters. War Department, Office of Surgeon General, Washington, D. C., April 26, 1919.

"I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the invaluable services rendered the Nation by this splendid organization. Their readiness for service and the patriotic devotion to duty, as well as the professional excellence of the personnel of these organizations (six Red Cross Base Hospitals, first organization of the American army to be sent overseas) have made them the chief reliance of the Medical Service of the Forces in France, while some of those on duty with the British have rendered equally valuable and appreciable aid to the British Army."

Signed: M. W. Ireland, Surgeon General, U. S. A.

"It is a great satisfaction to the American Red Cross to have been able, through the patriotic assistance of your institution, to render such service to our Government. The American Red Cross extends its thanks and congratulations to every member of Base Hospital No. 14 and to the St. Luke's and Michael Reese Hospitals, which were able to put such an excellent unit into the service of the country." Signed: C. H. Connor, Col. Medical Corps, U. S. A.

Asst. Director General Military Relief.

Special note should be made here of the untiring efforts of Miss Ellen Stewart, in organizing the nursing personnel of Unit No. 14, and who was herself unable to accompany them to the fields of action.

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### News of Over There

Mrs. Vandervoort has been serving as Chief Nurse of Camp Hospital No. 91, the debarkation point for nurses at La Baule, France. She has as her assistants Miss Liers and Miss Root as secretary.

Every nurse who served under Mrs. Vandervoort in Unit No. 14, speaks very highly of her commendable work done as Chief Nurse of this organization.



Miss Edith Bender who passed through Chicago on her way home, June 2, had a delightful trip through the French Alps just before sailing for home, which was most refreshing after many months of hard work.

Miss Jacobs who with Miss Young and Miss Blake are situated near Gieveres, writes that they are busy with accident cases and influenza, the wounded men having been sent home. Gieveres is a large supply and railway center.

Miss Faith Dennison in an interesting letter to Miss Eldredge from Belegarde, Serbia, states that she had been in the American Red Cross Military Hospital No. 8, in Che Boir le Boulogne, just outside of Paris, had spent two months at the front with an Evacuation Hospital. Left Paris December 28, for Rome, going to Belegarde with the Balkan Commission three weeks later. The work in Serbia is that of relief, which is without a doubt a very much needed kind of service.

Miss Eva Morkill has returned to Canada after a long period of service with the British Expeditionary Forces, and is on duty in the Manitoba Military Hospital.

Since Unit No. 14 has been demobilized it is difficult to find out just where each nurse is located who remained overseas.

The following information has been gained from nurses who have returned: Misses Hanchett Patterson, Wallace Evans are in Evacuation Hospital No. 12, Trier, Germany.

Ruth Marlin and Helen Carter were sent to Nice, Alps Maritime, France. Misses C. Draper and I. Sweitzer were sent to Dijon, France.

Among the returned nurses who have visited the Hospital recently are Misses M. McConnell, Edna Murray, Margaret Mahan, and Helen McNab. Misses Mahan, Davenport and Ella Foley are in the hospital on private duty. Misses Rena Murray and B. West are again on duty in the Laboratory.

Miss Gooch has received word from Misses Collins and Preston, who are in Treves, Germany, with Agnes Martin and Ruth Crawford. Miss Preston and Miss Collins were on a 14 days' leave in Nice, expecting to cross the Italian border.

Lt. Col. Harry D. Orr, has been promoted, to Colonel, of the 33rd Division, A. E. F., May 7, at Brest, "expecting to sail for home soon."

Miss Morris has left Evacuation Hospital No. 12, Trier, Germany, and is on her way home with twenty-five other nurses.

Miss Helen Leas, from Base Hospital No. 53, Langres, France, is expected soon.

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### Personal Items

Miss Lenore Crompton has gone to Canada for the early summer, having been on the Training School Staff for seven years. Miss Crompton's many friends about the Hospital miss her very much.

Miss Ida Swanson is relieving in the Hospital for vacations through the months of May, August and September.



Miss Hazel Gaede has resigned from the position she has recently held in the Clarkson Memorial Hospital in Omaha, and is at home in Burlington, Wisconsin.

Miss Georgia Winship, '15, writes from Steelton, Pa.:

Miss Winship is in charge of the Industrial Nursing at the Bethlehem Steel Company and says, "The work is truly very interesting and very necessary, the patients are mostly foreigners but the most appreciative class of people I have ever met. I have really become very enthusiastic about nursing more than I ever was before and want to become active in more ways than one, so am going to begin by asking to become a member of the Alumnae Association."

Miss Harriet Fulmer is attending a Public Health Conference in New York, expecting to take a short vacation in Atlantic City, before returning.

Mrs. Walter Theobald, nee Mildred Morkill, '13, is expecting to go to Canada in June to meet her sister and other "returned members of the family".

Mrs. Pearl Evans Jones, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, was a very welcome visitor, in the Hospital recently; as was also Mrs. Brown, nee Pinnell, '13, of Kansas, Ill.

Miss Faye Alice Mack is on duty at the Oak Forest Hospital and is in charge of about three hundred patients.

Miss Isabel Carriel who has been on duty at Camp Merritt passed through Chicago on a furlough. Miss Carriel has been ill and will return to Camp as soon as she is fully recovered.

Miss Evelyn Kimmel, '07, has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Provident Hospital, Chicago.

Mrs. M. de Jonkheere, nee Standish, '08, writes from Toronto that her husband has returned from overseas, they are living at 83 Runnymede Road, Toronto.

Born to Col. and Mrs. Harry D. Orr a little daughter, February 15, 1919.

Miss Mildred Pringle has returned from her vacation, spent in Kansas, and is looking very much refreshed after a month in the out of doors.

The following letter received from Miss Mary Forbes, 2 Michael's Place, Petersham, Surrey, England:

"I am sorry to have to repudiate anything so useful and delightful as the war work with which the March Alumnae credits me. I must, however, ask you to state that it is my sister, Grace G. Forbes, '96 (Mrs. Kissling), who is doing that hard, but pleasant work."

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### NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

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### Greeting

To the Members of St. Luke's Alumnae Association:

Our Editor, Miss Best, asked me to write a few words to you who are returning from "Overseas," and others in home war service.

I cannot begin to tell you how happy we are to have you back. We are waiting in the Alumnae Association to catch your "new spirit," to have you once more in our active working group.

There is a "High Call" just now for every member of St. Luke's Alumnae Association and it is only in solidarity of effort that we can meet these obligations. At our first meeting in October let us have the "biggest turnout" in our history. The "Old Guard" needs everyone of you. We want every graduate nurse of St. Luke's, young and old, to come into active service in the Association this year. There are hundreds of interesting things to do and we want you for our leaders. We have all been living under great stress, but just as soon as we are rested I am sure we shall again take up the Alumnae work with renewed zeal and loyalty.

With great appreciation for all you have done to keep up our standard, I am your devoted friend,

HARRIET FULMER.



### Commencement

June is always an interesting month for the nurses of St. Luke's Training School, as commencement exercises are held at this time. On June 19th, this year, the ceremony was unusually pretty and impressive, a unique feature of the processional being the carrying of the Unit 14 colors. The graduating class of forty-three members were in white uniform, while over one hundred nurses in training marched with them in the blue-striped regulation uniform of the school. Trinity Church, where the exercises were conducted, was beautiful with pink peonies and marguerites, the latter being the school flower.

Most interesting addresses were given by Dr. G. H. Coleman and the Rev. F. G. Budlong. As usual, Mr. Bryson, President of the Board of Trustees, conferred the diplomas in his characteristic, gracious manner. For the first time in the history of St. Luke's the diplomas were in book-form, with very rich silk-lined grey suede covers, the name of each nurse embossed in gold on the outside. The school pins were put on the nurses by their Chaplain, Father Wright.

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### Reception

On the evening of June 20th, a wonderfully enjoyable reception was given the graduating class in the Stickney House. The reception rooms, library and gymnasium were gay with palms, flowers and summery chintzes. An orchestra supplied music throughout the evening, and lunch was served continuously. Three special features added to the pleasure of all. One was Mr. Bryson's surprise box of generous gifts for each member of the class, the prize gold wrist-watch being drawn by Miss Beeby. Another pleasing little ceremony was the presentation of the school banner by the Class of 1919 to the Class of 1920. Perhaps the most thrilling event of the evening was "The Voyageur," making its debut. This attractive Year Book of the Class of 1919 is the first annual of St. Luke's, and from the first it has been a decided success.

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### Alumnae Reception

On Saturday, June 21st, the Alumnae Association entertained the graduating class. After a very pleasing musical program, Miss Hutton told of some of her experiences in active service.

Miss Ambridge gave some helpful explanations on "Re-organization." It was a privilege to have Miss Eldredge, Interstate Secretary, one of our own St. Luke's graduate nurses, who gave a most appropriate and inspiring talk to the class.

Delightful refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. This reception finished three days of entertainment connected with the graduating exercises, a time made so pleasant that it will always be a very dear memory in the heart of each member of the Class of '19.

A. W. SMELTZER, '19.

## News Items

Miss Ellen Stewart has accepted a position as Superintendent of Nurses at the University Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hopkins have taken a very charming apartment at 904 Michigan Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Miss Eleanor Rosenberry, '15, and Dr. Colignon were married in chapel, June 23rd. Father Wright performed the marriage ceremony.

Miss Ellen Donaldson, '17, and Mr. George Dennis were married in the Church of the Transfiguration, New York City, June 6, 1919.

Miss Lenore Crompton, '12, and Dr. Elmer were married at Beaconsfield, Quebec, Canada, August 12th. Dr. and Mrs. Elmer will make their home in Rockford, Illinois. Our sincere good wishes go out to these our members.

Miss Jane Taylor, '96, stopped on her way home from overseas, for a brief visit in the Hospital and Training School.

St. Luke's training School was well represented at Teachers' College this summer. Among our members who were there were Mrs. Macdonald, Miss Mary May White and Miss Mable McClenahan.

Miss Maude Gooch is spending her vacation with her brother in Alberta, Canada.

Miss Mabel Thompkins is relieving for vacations in the Smith Memorial during the month of August.

Miss Christine McLennan, '95, visited the Hospital and Training School during the latter part of June. Miss McLennan is doing educational work in one of the Toronto hospitals.

Miss Edna Lavier, '14, who is in Lincoln, Nebraska, has had a very serious operation and is improving very slowly.

Miss Julia Dawson is spending a few months with her brother in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Mrs. Jane Herchmer, who for over twenty-five years has been a very prominent figure on the Hospital staff, has resigned and is at home at 126 Glendale Ave., Toronto, Ontario.

Miss Baldwin, who has returned from camp, and Miss Jane Barclay, were visitors in Chicago, July 23rd.

Miss Liers and Mrs. Vander Voort are now in the United States, returning early in July.

Miss Cordelia Draper returned from overseas July 23rd.

Miss Harriet Young returned from Gievers, France, the latter part of July.

Miss Bessie Craig, '18, returned from Phoenix, Arizona, for a brief visit.

Miss Eileen Pringle, '18, has left Phoenix and is spending a few months in California with her sister, Bertha Pringle.

Miss Leta Freutel is doing private duty in Phoenix, Arizona.

Miss Margaret Mahan has gone to Ritterfeld-Pool, Maine, with a patient.

Ten nurses from the School of Civics and Philanthropy were with Miss Fulmer for practical work in public health during the month of August.



Miss Mabel Osmotherly, on the Staff with Miss Fulmer, Mrs. Anita Eddy Hoffman, has resigned.

Miss Lina Marland is assistant to the Director of Social Service in St. Luke's Hospital.

Miss Ruth Guilfoil is in Montana doing state public health work.

Miss Geneva Nifong returned from France, having been in service with Unit No. 53, and is at home in Virden, Ill.

Miss Thea Berg, '17, of Tomohawk, Wis., has been visiting in Chicago.

Miss Attalee Buckingham has been visiting Miss Maude Gooch in Alberta, Canada. They took the trip to Banff and Lake Louise, Miss Gooch returning to Chicago and Miss Buckingham going on to visit her sister in California.

Miss Ida Swanson has returned from a trip through Yellowstone Park.

Miss Anna Manuel spent a few days in Chicago before going to Louisville, Ky., where she will be associated with Miss Alice Gaggs.

Mrs. Vander Voort was the guest of Mrs. Macdonald at afternoon tea at the Training School.

Miss Daisy Wiser, '07, and Mr. James Madison Kincaid were married during the month of August.

Mrs. Helen Wyatt, '18, is doing private duty in Hollywood, Cal.

Miss Harriet Tucker is doing very interesting work in infant feeding at Blackwells' Island and will take a course at Columbia this fall.

Miss Patterson, Miss Parkinson, Miss Stimson, Miss Morris and Miss Kindt have returned from overseas.

Mrs. Macdonald has returned from New York City where she spent six weeks at Columbia University.

Miss Best has gone to Columbia University where she will take the two years' course at Teachers' College.







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### Response

In response to the "Welcome home" by Miss Fulmer in the Alumnae and by Mrs. Macdonald at the meeting of the Association, I wish to say that I believe there is not a day passes that some one does not speak of how differently we are situated today than we were last Nov. 1918, how eager we were to hear from home or from some one who cared for us. Letters conveyed all kinds of messages, some brought tears, and some happiness. The eagerness to receive them and the discussion of their contents made it very evident that the uppermost thought is nicely expressed in that old familiar line "Be it ever so humble there is no place like home."

We knew that we all could expect to meet changes in this great Home-coming. We were not gone so long but we had gone so far that the joy experienced would not be measured by minutes but by miles. The Mayor's Co. Committee, in N. Y., met us at the dock and with their band gave us a very enthusiastic welcome. A committee of the Red Cross met us and gave us another welcome. From the time we landed until we were finally assigned to our room we were being assisted by some one. We were taken in Ambulances and trucks to the Polyclinic hospital and given a partial examination. We were then taken to the Nurses' Demobilization Station and assigned to hotels where we were given rooms and made as comfortable as possible with the large numbers that were returning, at this time and in the excessive heat. If any one was indisposed she was



sent to the hospital, which was my experience. From the hospital, nurses were sent for convalescence to the Nurses Rest House in Riverdale, on the Hudson, a place that comes as near being Heaven to me as I ever expect to see on earth.

This Rest House is a beautiful home belonging to Mr. Cleveland Dodge, overlooking the Hudson River. It is a large estate beautifully kept with flowers, trees, rocks and all kinds of shrubbery. Large porch hammocks, swings, couches, books and all kinds of comforts provided for rest for tired and convalescing nurses. I was sent to this happy home to forget my experiences and rest. I am quite truthful when I say that I came home tired and sad and worn out with the sorrows of the war and to return home leaving so many buried in the cemetery in France was a heart-breaking thing to do. My introduction to this Rest Home was one I shall never forget. I was taken out in our good old friend the ambulance, by one of our nice, accommodating American boys, whose many kindnesses overseas make it a pleasure to think of them and who was just as chivalrous on this trip as he was on numberless others overseas which proved that he was just as nice at home as he was away from home, helps to make the trip very pleasant. We arrived safely and after the usual preliminaries were taken to a room. The first thing I saw was a four poster bed, a large dresser, a dressing table, a rocker, an article I never saw in France in our Hospital, a beautiful bouquet of garden flowers and on the floors the most beautiful rugs. Well I went a little farther and I saw a big white bath tub. I turned to the chief nurse and I said, "This is for me?" She said, "Yes and you may have it as long as you want it." I was speechless for a time. I sat in the rocker and I looked about me and saw the pictures on the walls, picked up the papers and looked at the late magazines and also the nice writing paper, etc. I could not believe that I could have that much leisure to enjoy it all. I arrived just in time for dinner and I never enjoyed a better one. There were 25 nurses at the table. Those nurses were here to recuperate. Some had been overseas but the larger number had been on duty in the camps here. The beautiful dining room, the beautiful dishes, the well trained maids, the delicious food soon took my eyes away from tired nurses and I began living in another world. I again said to the Chief Nurse, "Am I dreaming or is this America?" She said "This is America and we have had this home for one year." To think that some one knew that nurses did get tired and had compassion on them to the extent of giving this home with all its beautiful furnishings, providing them with the best food; all the cream and milk and butter and fresh vegetables and eggs that 25 nurses could use and with never a question, only to ask for the bill at the end of each month and to pay that without a question, all a new experience to me and I shall never forget it. I secured my transportation and left for home hoping that some other nurse would be weary enough to go out there and find the welcome that I did.

Now to return to Chicago and again be associated with old friends hardly seems possible after so much having transpired during our absence. St. Luke's will always be home to genuine St. Luke's Nurses

We are glad to be back and appreciate every welcome. The welcome to the Association, the changes in the gymnasium; the new sitting room; in fact all the changes that have taken place show very plainly that someone has kept the "Home Fires Burning." I know there is a great deal to do and if each member helps it will be possible to throw a great deal of kindling on and in that way make a fire that won't need keeping, will only need watching lest it burn too vigorously.

LOUISE M. SPOHR,  
Chief Nurse, Unit 53.

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### Letter

My dear Miss Sharpe:

May I extend to St. Luke's Alumnae Association, through you, their secretary, and to you personally, my sincere appreciation for the united sympathy so kindly expressed.

The loss of both mother and brother in so short a time seems a heavy burden, but it was God's plan, and he will surely lift the cloud which hangs so heavily over us now.

"The path of sorrow,  
And that path alone,  
Leads to the lands  
Where sorrow is unknown."

Very sincerely,  
IDA M. STOWELL.

532 E. Forty-second Street.

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### News Items.

At our last meeting the following nurses were admitted to membership, Miss Elizabeth Donaldson, Esther Cox, Ethel Roose, Agnes Jacques, Mary Pickrell. We are always glad to welcome our nurses.

The Instructors' Section of Nurse Education in Chicago had a very interesting Round Table at the North Chicago Hospital on Saturday, November 1st. The subject for discussion was the teaching of Hygiene in Training Schools. Our next meeting will be held at the Chicago Lying-in Hospital.

Miss Lucy Verity '18 is at the Chicago Lying-in Hospital.

Miss Mildred Keese '17, has been ill in the hospital at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station but is convalescent.

We are very fortunate in having Mrs. Clara Trimble of Princeton, Ill., as matron of the Nurses' Home.

Miss Maude and Miss Hettie Gooch delightfully entertained the Training School staff at tea at Miss Hettie Gooch's apartment.

Miss Margaret Mahon has returned from Maine where she spent the summer.

Miss Mothersheard was married to Dr. Newell of Ottumwa, in October. The ceremony was performed in the chapel by Rev. Mr. Pond. She was attended by Mrs. MacDonald and Miss Baldwin.

Miss Lillian Hawley '18, was married in October to Dr. Paul Lockhart. They are living in Chicago.



Miss Capellar has been married quite recently. We have not been informed of her new name.

Miss Dorothy Coulter, '17, is married and is living in Virginia.

Miss Frances Hall, '15, was married recently to Mr. C. E. Nickerson and is living in Flint, Michigan.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Daisy Shambo, '18, to Mr. Joseph Burdo has been received. Mr. and Mrs. Burdo are living in Chicago. Our congratulations and good wishes go out to these, our members.

Mrs. Helen Wyatt, '18, has recovered from an operation performed at St. Luke's Hospital in San Francisco. She says it is most beautifully situated overlooking the Pacific ocean. The patients are wheeled in their beds out on to balconies where they enjoy the fresh air and ocean breeze.

Miss Marcia Lange, '16, visited in the Training School recently.

Miss Mabel Tompkins, '15, is in charge of our Social Service department.

Miss Zoe Harpster is in charge of the Social Service department at Northwestern Dispensary, South Dearborn street.

At the last meeting of Base No. 14 Post, Lieut. Dunn dropped in as at Mars, bringing back very delightful memories of active service overseas.

Miss Helen Jones has returned from her vacation at Omaha.

Miss Gaede was a visitor at the Hospital recently. She is taking a special course in anaesthesia and laboratory work at the hospital.

The preliminary nurses are having training in the Occupational Therapy department under the supervision of Miss Decker. Two senior nurses will have special training in this department for two months as an elective.

Miss Armstrong who received her degree in Physical Education at Harvard this summer is again conducting our gymnasium classes.

Miss Rissler is taking the public health course.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hannum, Miss Lyn Carr, '17, and young son visited in Chicago. The baby is a lovely fat cherub.

Miss Edna Lowe, '18, is teaching Practical Nursing and allied subjects in the Training School in Miss Bests' place.

Miss Leta Freutel, '15, died Nov. 9th, at her home in Plymouth, Wis. She has been in Arizona for several months suffering from tuberculosis, but at her earnest request was brought back to Wisconsin by her mother. Her characteristic bright outlook and good spirit prevailed throughout her illness. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her mother, who has been her constant companion during her illness.

Miss Belle McKnight, '05, of Dubuque, Iowa, passed away on Oct. 8th.

Miss G. Palmer paid a flying visit from LaFayette, Ind., where she is office nurse for several doctors.

Miss Collins is in the city after having spent some time with Miss Preston at their summer cottage up north.



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### ST. LUKE'S-MICHAEL REESE RECEPTION.

The Trustees of St. Luke's and Michael Reese Hospitals, through the kindness of Mr. Bryson, our President, gave a reception November 11th at the Blackstone Hotel to the Nurses of the Hospitals who have returned from service. There was a large attendance and the evening was one long to be remembered.

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### GENERAL NURSING TOPICS.

Miss Laura Whitcomb was elected at the November meeting to attend the State Convention at Moline. Miss Whitcomb will bring her report to the December meeting.

Mrs. Macdonald also attended the Convention and gave a paper on Social Problems of the Training School. Mrs. Macdonald took up the subject in a very able manner.

An urgent request is made to all Nurses who have recently changed their address to mail same to Miss Edna Lowe in care of the Training School in order that a complete mailing list may be made up.

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The following is the bulletin of the Chicago Nurses Club for December.

Attention is called to the following dates and an urgent invitation is extended to all members of the First District to come and get ac-

quainted. Have a cozy, sociable, get-together time at the Club! The Committee hopes to personally meet and talk with each one of you and asks for your interest and co-operation.

Thursday, December 4th, 7:15 P. M.—Bridge Class. Mrs. McNeil, instructor. (No charge).

Wednesday, December 10th. Dinner Meeting of Club House and Directory Committee. At eight o'clock Mr. Orpheus M. Schantz, President of the Illinois Audubon Society, will speak on "A Settlement School in the 'Smokies' and its Environment." All are invited to attend the lecture.

Sunday, December 14th, 5 to 7 P. M.—Twilight Musicale. Nell Cook, soprano, Margaret Duffy, cellist. Program arranged by Madame Genevra Johnstone-Bishop.

At seven o'clock tea and sandwiches will be served. Expense, 20 cents.

Tuesday, December 16th, 8 P. M.—Bridge Class. Mrs. Adolph Hartman, instructor.

Wednesday, December 17th, 8 P. M.—"Senior Night." Everyone invited. European Ballet Dancing. Program arranged by Madame Marie Jung. Musicale, auspices, American Conservatory of Music.

Wednesday, December 24th, 7:30 P. M.—

Christmas Tree!

Christmas Carols!!

Come and sing!!!

Thursday, December 25th—"Merry Christmas." Dinner at 1:30 (early reservations.) Dance at 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday, December 31st—New Year's Eve.—Come and watch the old year out!

Thursday, January 1st—"A Happy New Year." Musicale "At Home" 4 to 6.

On Wednesday, January 7th, 8 P. M.—Dr. Rowena Morse Mann will speak on "The Present Status of Woman." Dr. Mann was the first woman to receive a degree from the University of Jena.

The Dancing Class meets Mondays at 7:45. Terms of 10 lessons, \$5.00. Join!

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If I had the time to find a place  
And sit me down full face to face  
With my better self that stands no show  
In this busy life that rushes so,  
It might be then I could see my soul  
Was stumbling still toward the shining goal,  
I might be nerved by the thought sublime,  
If I had the time.

If I had the time to let my heart  
Speak out and take in my life a part,  
To look about and stretch a hand  
To a comrade quartered in No-Luck land,



My God! if I might just sit still  
 And hear the tone of the whippoorwill,  
 I think that my wish with God's would chime  
 If I had the time.

If I had the time to learn from you  
 How much far comfort my word would do  
 And I told you then of my sudden will,  
 To kiss your feet when I did you ill—  
 If the tears aback of the bravado  
 Could force their way and let you know—  
 Brothers, the souls of us all would chime,  
 If we had the time.

—Richard Burton.

### PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Davenport returned to the city after spending three weeks at her home in Flint, Mich.

Miss Dilge spent her vacation at her home in Hamilton, Ohio.

Miss Eva Morkell is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Theobald.

Miss Marcia Lange, who is a patient at Fort Sheridan, spent an evening here enroute to her home.

Miss Kate Hutton returned from Kankakee where she held the position as Industrial Secretary in the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Macdonald spent three days in London, Ontario, last month.

The Misses Mahon, Liers, Morris, Reibold, Robison, Mihills and Crawford are back on duty in the Hospital.

Miss Louise Spohr is night Supervisor at the 47th street Hospital.

Miss Katherine White and Edna Dienst are stationed at Fort Sheridan.

Miss Ream has been discharged from the Hospital at Fort Sheridan returning to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Vander Voort has taken charge of the City Hospital at Akron, Ohio. Miss Pample is her assistant.

Miss Hanchett is the Public Health Nurse in DesPlaines.

Miss Agnes Martin is with the V. N. A., Milwaukee, Wis.

Miss Mabel Preston is in Toronto visiting her brother.

Mrs. L. L. Thomas (nee Hiatt, '14), has gone to South Pasadena, Cal. Dr. Thomas located there when he returned from duty "over seas."

Mrs. F. C. Robson (nee Burleson '07), was here for the last alumnae meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Robson are on their way to England. They will spend the Holidays with Mr. Robson's family near London and are planning to remain abroad for a year.

A card of appreciation was received from Miss Freutel's mother for the flowers sent by the alumnae association.

Mrs. Fasser (nee Godard '09) has almost proved up on a homestead near Ashland, Montana. Miss Julia Gable has a claim very near Mrs. Fasser.

Dr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Dagg have moved to 5534 Dorchester Ave.

Miss Nellie Showalter, '17, was married to Mr. Robert Lee Magaw on August 9th, at St. Simons Episcopal Church, Chicago.

Miss Hettie Gooch, '09, has been a patient in the hospital for a week.

Miss Gladys Brandt, '18, is a Public Health Nurse in Logansport, Ind.

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The Nominating Committee at the December meeting will present a ticket consisting of one or more names for each office to be filled, such nominees having expressed a willingness to serve. At this meeting nominations may be made from the floor. The committee shall then prepare a ticket of one or more names for each office which shall be presented at the Annual Meeting. The election shall be by ballot, a plurality vote shall elect. The following is the vote to be presented:

Second Vice President—Miss Evelyn Kimmel.

Secretary—Miss Helen MacNab.

Chairmen of Committees:

Finance—Miss Harriet Fulmer, Miss Mabel Binner.

Program—Miss M. L. Tompkins, Mrs. A. L. Hoyne.

Visiting—Miss Jessie Lawrie, Miss Blackburn.

Membership—Miss Mildred Pringle, Miss Addie Hewson.

Nominating—Miss Ming, Miss Katharine Osmotherly.

Publication and Press—Miss Lowe, Miss Alice Seymour.

At the Annual Meeting in 1918, the President, First Vice President, and Treasurer were elected to serve for two years and the Second Vice President and Secretary to serve for one year, but hereafter the latter will be elected for two years and in this way the changing of the entire personnel of the officers will not occur the same year.